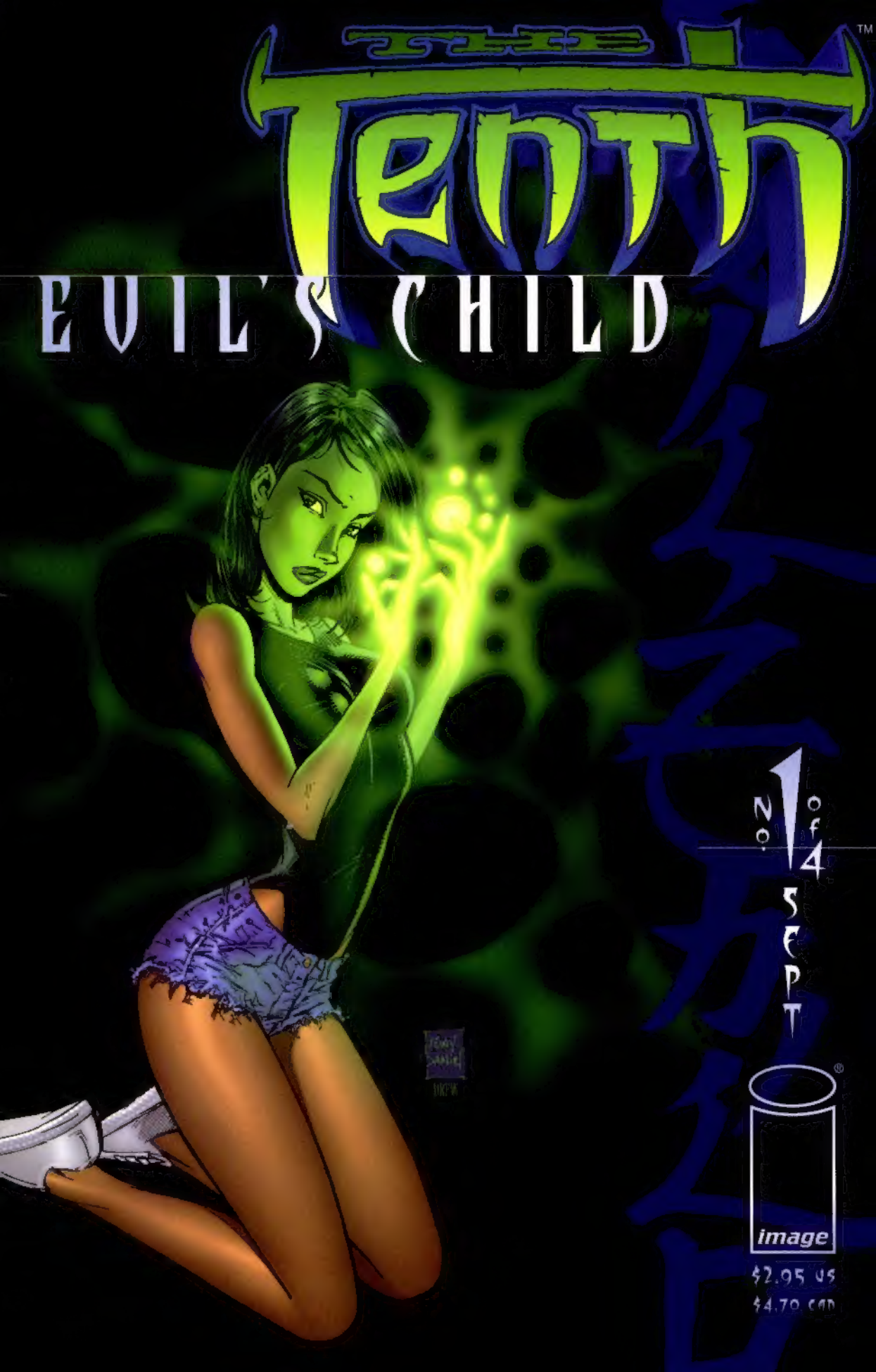
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Subject:

I knew damn well the risks that were involved. I knew that men would be lost and I knew of the countless personal sacrifices that I would have to endure. Keeping yourself secret from an already top secret branch of the U.S. Government's Weapons Developers isn't easy. In fact it's damn near impossible. Darkk's alien DNA scheme has not been revealed to the public. And if the Government has their way, it never will. And although both Rhazes Darkk and Gozza are dead, I don't feel we are any safer. Our Government knows that their superior genes are out there. They know that they are only steps away from their true goal... to create the perfectly engineered supersoldiers using alien gene therapy. I have secured some of the creature's tissue who once inhabited first Victor DeLeon, then Gozza's body... the tenth and final alien element that's essential for life on Darkk's now extinct and dead race. With Victor normal again, I have lost a crucial link to the other afflicted nine. I have no choice but to use the test results of the alien tissue to expose publicly what has been going on for the last forty five years.

God help us all.

Director Sam Jaffe

SPLAT
VROOOOM

SO NOW WHAT, SAM? ARE YOU REALLY GOING THROUGH WITH IT?
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT LONG AND HARD, PROFESSOR PLISKEN.
THE WAY I SEE IT, IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT BOYS IN CHECK.
BUT EXPOSING THIS THIS ALIEN BLOOD SAMPLE ON LIVE TV MIGHT PROVE DANGEROUS, IF NOT FATAL.
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN, PLISKEN.
VERY WELL THEN, SAM... YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT. WE WILL HELP YOU SHIP IT TO LOS ANGELES BY FRIDAY.
I TRUST THAT NO NAMES WILL BE MENTIONED PUBLICLY, MISTER JAFFE?
OUR PLEDGE OF SECRECY IS TO THE DEATH, PROFESSOR.

BEEP BEEP
JESUS F%*#N' CHRIST!
SCRREEE
SHITSHIT SHITSHITSHIT SHITSHIT!
RR EEEEEEEE
THOOM BOOOMM
KEE
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM
WHUMP
WHUMP
WHUMP

SORRY ABOUT THAT. SEND ME THE BILL.
I BELIEVE YOU HAVE SOMETHING THAT I'M LOOKING FOR...

I KNEW BY THE WAY THE PHONE RANG THAT SOMETHING WENT WRONG -- TERRIBLY WRONG.
MAYBE I'M JUST GETTING TOO GOOD AT KNOWING THESE THINGS...
OR MAYBE I KNOW THAT I'M UP AGAINST PEOPLE AND THINGS THAT ARE FAR BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION.
WHATEVER...
IT'S TIME TO GET OUT, SAM. IT'S TIME TO CLEAR THE AIR AND MAKE THINGS RIGHT BY HER...
I NEVER WANTED TO TELL HER DAUGHTER WHO I AM.
I NEVER WANTED TO RISK JEOPARDIZING MY "IN" WITH HER.
I NEVER WANTED TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR HER MOTHER'S DEATH...

NEVER WANTED HER TO BLAME ME EITHER BUT I KNOW SHE WOULD ZORINA'S THAT WAY
I'VE BROKEN MY PROMISE TO JAENA* LONG AGO
I PROMISED THAT I WOULDN'T GET OUR DAUGHTER INVOLVED WITH THIS...
*Jaena Fine AKA Zorina Fine's mother. (ed)
FLSHHH
WELL, MY LOVE I WILL NOW MAKE GOOD ON ANOTHER PROMISE...
..TO KEEP HER FROM HARM'S WAY..
DING DONG
SAM?! WAKE UP! WE GOTTA GO!

'MORNING, SAM.
OR GOOD EVENING I'M USUALLY ASLEEP AT FOUR AM.
YOU READY?
ARE YOU GIRLS READY TO BEGIN THE REST OF YOUR LIVES?
BEEN WAITING SINCE I WAS TWELVE
WHERE'S VICTOR?
HE'S WAITING IN THE CAR PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT TO GET HIS HAIR WET
"HE'S ONE CONFUSED INDIVIDUAL, SAM. HE'S BEEN ACTING *WEIRD* EVER SINCE ESPY TOLD HIM SHE'D RATHER STAY *"FRIENDS."*"

"LOS ALAMOS, HERE WE COME."
"THESE FRIENDS OF YOURS, SAM. CAN THEY BE TRUSTED?"
"I WOULDN'T BE TAKING YOU THERE IF THEY COULDN'T, VICTOR. I KNOW IT'S HARD FOR ANY OF YOU TO TRUST... BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO TRUST ME."
VROOM
THESE TESTS ARE IMPORTANT, VICTOR.
IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO TRACES OF THE DNA IN YOURS OR ESPY'S BLOOD
YOU DON'T WANT TO BE "TAILED" BY THE "MEN IN BLACK" ALL YOUR LIFE, DO YOU?
I JUST WANT TO BE OVER WITH THIS. OVER WITH IT ALL.
AND YOU WILL BE
I PROMISE.

JAPAN. WHAT WAS ONCE KNOWN AS AN ANCIENT VILLAGE IS NOW KNOWN AS THE ISLAND OF LOST SOULS.

AND FOR GOOD REASON.
AARRGHH!
SPLISSH
<THIS IS GROWING TIRESOME, GIRLS...>
<I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, KIRA!>
<KILLIN' THESE PESKY MORTALS IS LIKE SWATTING FLIES AT A PICNIC!>
POP
POP
POP
<WELL THEN I'LL SEE IF I CAN LIVEN THINGS UP A BIT!>
"<ONE OF THESE RODENTS WILL TALK..>
"<...EVEN IF WE HAVE TO KILL EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!>"

GRAAAA!
SLASHH
<WHERE IS THE WHITE FACE?!>
<IT'S FOR YOUR OWN GOOD THAT YOU TELL US!>
SSHZZAAARLL
<WE ARE THE ONES WITH THE POWER TO SAVE YOUR MISERABLE LITTLE LIVES!>
<PLEASE, MR. IMO . WE DON'T MEAN YOUR VILLAGE HARM. >
<WE JUST NEED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.>
<OKAY! OKAY! THE ONE YOU SPEAK OF IS A WITCH OF SOME SORT! AN EVIL KILLER WHO SWORE US TO SECRECY!>
<SHE WILL DESTROY THE WHOLE VILLAGE IF I TELL YOU OF HER!>
<SHE CAME YESTERDAY EVENING. WITH A BAND OF NINJAS! WE TRIED TO FIGHT THEM. BUT THEY WOULDN'T DIE >
<IT WAS AS IF THEY WERE ALREADY DEAD!
<WHY DID SHE COME HERE?>
<TO FIND THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE LEGENDARY GOZZA...>
<I TOLD HER HE WAS JUST A MYTH. BUT SHE INSISTED UPON KNOWING WHERE THE LEGEND WAS BORN.>
DEAD!

WE ARE SO BAD ASS!
YOU'RE SOOO IMMATURE, JIHI
LET'S NOT FORGET THAT BLACKSPELL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR NEWFOUND FREEDOM AND SPECIAL DARK POWERS.
" WE HAVE A JOB TO COMPLETE FOR HIM IN RETURN."
AND I, FOR ONE, INTEND TO DELIVER THE GOODS TO HIM!*
*Blackspell is one of Darkk's ill beasts who swallowed the Twisted 3 into his living labyrinth in issue 4 of the "Abuse of Humanity" mini-series. (bm)

SHALL WE ATTACK, DARKK MASTER?
ALL IN DUE TIME. WE MUST FIND OUT UNDER WHICH ROCK THIS "BLACKSPELL" IS HIDING FIRST. THEN, WE SHALL BRING STRYCH-9 THEIR HIDES!

LOS ALAMOS.
"CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS?
"WE'RE ACTUALLY IN A BUILDING THAT MAY HOLD SOME ANSWERS TO THIS PUZZLE WE'VE BEEN LIVING FOR THE PAST YEAR?"
AND YOU JUST WANT TO SIT THERE? C'MON. FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD THIS IS LOS ALAMOS NO ONE'S LOOKING!
HELL, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'D BE THE FIRST ONES TO GET UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION HERE
I CAN SEE THEM IN THE ROOM BACK THERE THEY'RE STILL DOING TESTS I OVERHEARD JAFFE TELLING VICTOR THAT A ROOM ON THIS VERY FLOOR IS ALMOST COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO SPRINGDALE!
FORGET ABOUT IT, Z. IT'S ILLEGAL FOR US TO SNOOP ESPECIALLY HERE.
I MEAN WHAT IF WE GET CAUGHT?
SO WHAT THEN? WHAT ABOUT THAT CHINESE SPY WHO GOT BUSTED HERE? HE DIDN'T EVEN GET A SLAP ON THE WRIST! BESIDES .. WE CAN ALWAYS PRETEND WE WERE LOOKING FOR THE LADIES ROOM.
DON'T YOU THINK THEY OWE US? AFTER ALL THE SHIT THEY PUT US THROUGH? WE DESERVE TO TRY TO FIND SOME ANSWERS
SO -- WHAT D'YA SAY?

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS ON THE SAME FLOOR...
ARE YOU SURE? I HAVEN'T BEEN FEELING VERY HEALTHY LATELY. MY BODY ACHES, I WAKE UP WITH HEADACHES, I HAVE NO APPETITE.
SOMETHING'S GOT TO BE UP
MR. DeLEON, YOUR BODY APPEARS TO BE GOING THROUGH A WITHDRAWAL OF SORTS. EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD AN UNNATURAL ORGANISM PLAGUING YOUR BLOOD CELLS, YOUR BODY GREW ACCUSTOMED TO IT. NOW THAT IT'S GONE, YOUR BODY IS WONDERING HOW IT WILL GET ALONG WITHOUT IT
SOUNDS LIKE AN ADDICTION BUT THE LAST TIME THE TENTH WAS TAKEN FROM ME*... I STILL RETAINED SOME OF THE MUTATED CELLS.
IT DID TERRIBLE THINGS TO ME.
I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN!
VICTOR, YOU WON'T
*Lastic stole the Tenth from Victor in 7 101, [bh]
YOU'RE RID OF THE TENTH
..FOR GOOD.

YOU'RE SAD?
NO, SAM. JUST SORRY.
SHRCRAK
FZZZZZZZ
THERE GOES OUR "LADIES ROOM" ALIBI
STOP WORRYING AND START LOOKING!
OH, MY GOD! LIKE THAT ONE?!
AND HOW WILL WE KNOW WHEN WE'VE FOUND WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR?
EASY -- THE MOST TOP SECRET STUFF IS HIDDEN BEHIND THE MOST INCONSPICUOUS DOOR (USUALLY HAS KEY CARD ACCESS)
GOOD GOIN', GIRL!
HMMM WELL, IT'LL DO LET'S GO

"DON'T ASK ABOUT THE KEYCARD..."
MEEP BEEEEP
LET'S JUST SAY IT'S DUE BACK IN JAFFE'S COAT BEFORE HE NOTICES IT'S MISSING.
THIS IS GETTING TOO WEIRD, Z! I THINK WE HIT THE JACKPOT!
THOSE FILE DRAWERS ARE LABELED "SPRINGDALE"!
TO BE HONEST, ESPY IT WASN'T SUCH A LUCKY GUESS. I SAW THE DOCTOR THAT'S WITH VICTOR LEAVE OUT OF THE FIRST DOOR
SO I GUESSED THAT THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE WE'D FIND SOMETHING IN HERE
YOU GUESSED GOOD! LOOK AT ALL OF THESE
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START!
I'LL START WITH "D" FOR DEL TORO. SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING ON ME OR YOU IN HERE.
YOU START WITH "F", ZORINA..
WE BETTER HURRY. THERE'S NO TIME FOR PHOTO-COPYING!

UMMM -- ESPY?
MY GOD! IT'S MY MOTHER! THEY HAVE KEPT A FILE ON MY MOTHER! ZORINA -- LOOK!
THAT'S ENOUGH, KIDDIES. DROP EVERYTHING AND COME WITH US!
SHIT!

JAPAN.
TO MAKE CONCERNING YOUR STALKERS...
THEY SEEMINGLY WERE HIRED BY A "BLACKSPELL" IT APPEARS THAT THEY HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION REGARDING YOU AND IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE A CONFRONTATION.
I SUGGEST WE WAIT TO SEE IF THEY MEET WITH THIS "BLACKSPELL" AND DESTROY THEM ALL AT ONCE. DO WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION?
NO. I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW THEM A WHILE LONGER. IF BY CHANCE THEY MEET WITH BLACKSPELL, THEN KILL THEM.
BUT DISABLE BLACKSPELL AND BRING HIM TO ME. I NEED HIM ALIVE.

GOZZA WILL NEED A PLACE TO REST AND BLACKSPELL'S LABYRINTH WILL DO HIM WELL, INDEED
WAAA! WAAAA! WAAA!
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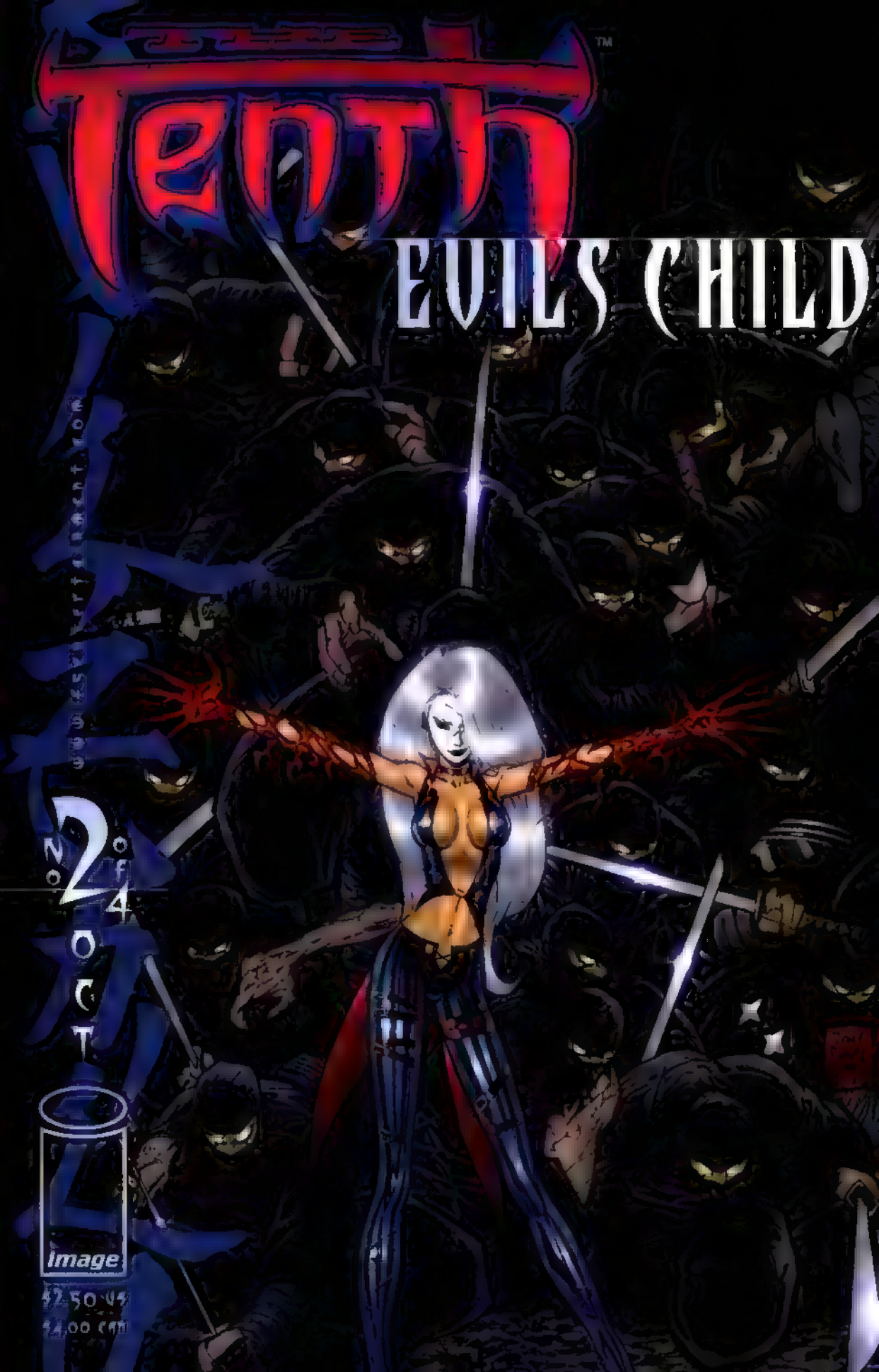
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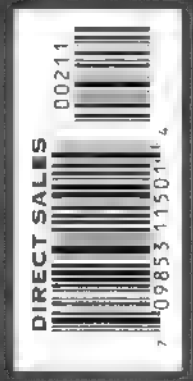

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Subject: Blood tests

Victor's blood test came out negative. No trace of the monster we all called the "Tenth". I'm not sure if that's a good thing or not, considering the other nine beasts out there still may be after him. He'll be totally defenseless against them. The girls will be constantly hunted, too. By Darkk's monsterous creations as well as our good ol' government a-holes. I owe it to them to find a safe place for them to hide until I uncover the truth to the American people. Maybe then we'll be able to put an end to all of this. Maybe then we'll all be able to rest a bit easier.

If anything should happen to me before I get the chance to expose the "Darkk Strain", my journals should come in handy. I must make Zorina aware that I am keeping this journal in my laptop, in case anything SHOULD happen to me.

Tomorrow's Espy's turn for the blood test. I'm sure her results will be fine, too. She's a great girl and deserves to lead a happy and normal life. Her telekinesis has always been a mystery to her. It ruined her childhood and teenage years. It only got worse recently after meeting the "Tenth"... she has not yet been able to make sense of her relationship with the beast or Victor for that matter. It's all for the better... she need not ever know the truth. All she ever wanted was to be "normal." I know one day her dream will come true.

Director Sam Jaffe

LOS ALAMOS.
WHERE DO YOU THINK THEY'RE TAKING US, Z?
PROBABLY BACK TO SAM FOR OUR SPANKINGS. I TOLD YA -- DON'T WORRY.. WHAT'S THE WORSE THEY CAN DO TO US?
EVER HEAR ABOUT A PLACE THEY CALL PRISON? WE DID TRESPASS, AFTER ALL.. BREAKING AND ENTERING.. THEY CAN THROW THE BOOK AT US!
SHHH! NOT SO LOUD! YOU'LL RUIN OUR "LADIES ROOM" ALIBI!
THIS IS WHERE YOU TWO SAY GOOD-BYE
HEY! WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU TAKING HER!
WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS THAT NEED ANSWERING MS. DEL TORRO WILL BE INDISPOSED FOR A WHILE
I'LL CLEAR THIS WHOLE MESS UP WITH SAM, ZORINA.. AS SOON AS THESE GOONS TAKE ME TO HIM.
GET YER FRIGGIN' HANDS OFF OF HER, YOU COCKROACHES! I SWEAR, IF YOU TOUCH HER...
OOPH!
ZORINA!

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?! YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
I'LL SUE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!
ZORINA! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING HER?!
SOMEWHERE WHERE SHE CAN'T CAUSE US ANYMORE TROUBLE..
WHUMPH
..OR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER LET'S TAKE HER AWAY, BOYS.
SCQUEEEEEEEERRRR
WE HAVE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO

WHAT'S THIS? ESPY AND ZORINA NOT WHERE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE? HOW SURPRISING
GREAT. WE SHOULD'VE LEFT THE GIRLS BACK AT THE MOTEL. I KNEW THEY COULDN'T KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE..
BELIEVE ME, VICTOR.. IF I KNEW THE DOCTORS WOULDN'T HAVE TIME TO SEE ESPERANZA AND YOU AT THE SAME TIME, I WOULD HAVE LEFT THEM. THIS PLACE IS FILLED WITH TOO MUCH TEMPTATION.. EVEN FOR ESPY.
BUT THEN AGAIN, THESE HALLS ARE FILLED WITH SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND NIGHT WATCHMEN. THAT'S ENOUGH TO GET ESPERANZA PARANOID.. AND PARANOIA IS A GOOD THING HERE. IT'LL KEEP THEM OUT OF ANY *REAL* MISCHIEF
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT
WELL, HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE "FREE."
I DON'T KNOW...
I KNOW I'M REALLY BACK TO NORMAL NOW...
BUT I CAN'T HELP FEELING A BIT DISAPPOINTED
I FEEL LIKE I'VE LET YOU DOWN. LIKE I LET EVERYONE DOWN.
I KNOW THAT THERE WAS MORE TO THE TENTH'S PURPOSE THAN TO BE A BIG BLOOD-SUCKING BRUTE THE TENTH WAS IMPORTANT TO DARKK'S SCHEME
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS KEEPING ME PRISONER.. I WONDER IF IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND..

IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT I KEPT THAT MONSTROSITY FROM DARKK. IF IT HAD BEEN IN ANYONE ELSE, GOD ONLY KNOWS THE OUTCOME
JUST KNOWING THAT THERE ARE OTHER CREATURES OUT THERE WILLING TO CARRY ON DARKK'S PLAN," MAKES ME WONDER IF WE ARE ANY SAFER WITH THE TENTH GONE
I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT, VICTOR
DARKK'S SPECIES HAS PROVEN TO ME THEIR RESILIENCE. THEY'LL NEVER GIVE UP..
GREAT... JUST PERFECT! MY KEY CARD IS GONE!
THE ONE THAT'LL GET US ALL IN A HEAP OF TROUBLE! I KNOW WHERE THE GIRLS ARE... WAIT FOR US HERE!
UH -- YOU'RE SURE?
WHAT KEY CARD?

HOLD IT! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN HERE? THIS ROOM IS OF THE HIGHEST SECURITY CLEARANCE!
CLEARANCE HAS JUST BEEN CHANGED.
PUT DOWN YOUR FIREARM.. I AM PRIVY TO THESE FILES. I'LL SHOW YOU.
..US.
I'M DIRECTOR SAM JAFFE.. SPECIAL OPERATIONS, CIA. ALL THE INFORMATION HERE IS CLASSIFIED AND BELONGS TO--
WHUMP
UGHHN!

TOKYO, JAPAN.
ONE OF TOKYO'S HOTTEST AND MOST UNDERGROUND DANCE CLUBS.
I'M GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER LIKE THIS.
SO WHAT'S THE CATCH...YOU KNOW...WITH OUR GOVERNMENT PALS IN THE STATES?

SAME OL' SAME OL'... THE USUAL CRAP. WE'RE NO USE TO THEM DEAD... SO THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KEEP US ALIVE.
DUMB BASTARDS. THEY'LL DO ANYTHING FOR A LITTLE BIT OF POWER.. EVEN IF IT MEANS ENDANGERING THEIR OWN PEOPLE
YES! BUT THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF IT! THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TRUST US AT OUR WORD.
MEANWHILE, WE GAIN VALUABLE TIME IN OUR QUEST TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
PLOOP PLOOP
RHAZES DARKK WAS RIGHT ALL ALONG. WE WERE ALL BETRAYED BY GOZZA, WHOSE GREED CONQUERED EVEN HIMSELF.*
IT IS TIME FOR US ALL TO BAND TOGETHER AND AGREE ON THE PROPER COURSE OF ACTION.
STRYCH-9 IS THE ONLY ONE STILL LOYAL TO GOZZA, EVEN THOUGH HE'S DEAD.
CHEERS.
*See the Black Embrace 1 d 6th
YOU'RE FORGETTING ABOUT THE GRAVE. WE'VE BEEN UNABLE TO LOCATE HIM.

NO WORRIES. HE'LL JOIN OUR SIDE AS THE OTHERS HAVE. NOW THAT WE KNOW WE CANNOT SURVIVE MUCH LONGER UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, HIS NATURE IS TO SURVIVE AT ALL COSTS... HE HAS NO CHOICE.
IF HE'S NOT DEAD ALREADY, IT'S ONLY WITH THE HELP OF THE CIA THAT WE'RE ABLE TO SUSTAIN OUR ENERGY LEVELS NOW THAT THE TENTH IS DESTROYED
AMAZING WHAT THEY CAN DO WITH THOSE LITTLE PILLS
STRYCH-9 WILL ONLY JOIN US IF WE TAKE AWAY HE[illegible] HOPE OF REVIVING GOZZA.
IF NOT... THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DESTROY HER, AND RETAIN HER POWER SOMEHOW
THAT'S NOTHING I CAN'T HANDLE...
I CAN SUSTAIN OUTSIDE LIFE FORCES WITHIN MY LABYRINTH FOR AN UNLIMITED AMOUNT OF TIME...
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER HUMAN HOST... SOMEONE MORE "AGREEABLE."
HEEHEE HEEHAA HAAHA!

THE TWISTED 3 HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN LOCATING HER WHEREABOUTS.... BUT IT IS NOW TIME FOR US TO JOIN IN THE HUNT... WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER DAY...

I'LL HAVE THEM HERE QUICKER THAN AN E-MAIL!

HEE HEEHEE HEE!

CAWW!

CAWW!

YEAH! YEAH! FIND THAT BITCH AND DRAG HER IN HERE!

YEEEE! HAHAHAHAHA! THAT CLOWN-FACED WHORE!

CAWW! CAWW! CAWW!

CAWW!

CAWW! LET'S BRING OUT THE SEARCH PARTY-CAWW! CAW!

COME OUT, COME OUT WHEREVER YOU ARE!

CAWW! CAWW! CAWW!

MMMM! MMM! I CAN TASTE THEM COMING UP!

CAN'T YOU EVER SHUT THOSE GUYS UP?!
SHCLOOPH
OH, HERE ARE THE LOVELY TRIO NOW...
ONLY IF I WANT TO... BESIDES... THEY ENTERTAIN ME.
YUCK!
WHY DO YOU KEEP HASSLING US, BLACKSPELL? WE'VE BEEN KEEPING UP OUR PART OF THE BARGAIN, SO KEEP UP YOURS AND LEAVE US TO DO OUR JOB

THAT'S JUST IT, DARLINGS... YOU'RE JOB IS ALMOST THROUGH. BUT WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT ALL GOES RIGHT..
WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME HERE, GIRLIES. YOU ARE STILL WORKING FOR US UNTIL YOU FULFILL YOUR MISSION. SO WE DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR WHINING OR YOU'LL BE BACK IN HER WITH US!
WE'LL BE ACCOMPANYING YOU ON YOUR HUNT FOR STRYCH-9. THIS TIME.
OH COME ON! WE'VE DONE GOOD BY YOU, BLACKSPELL
WHY, OH WHY?!
LISTEN UP, TAR FACE -- THE DEAL WAS WE FIND STRYCH-9 AND WE COME OUT OF THIS AS FREE AS BIRDS!
BUT WE MISS YOUR LOVELY BODIES IN HERE! WE NEED YOU!
YOU ROCK OUR WORLDS!
PAY NO ATTENTION TO THOSE LOST SOULS :CAWW:
YOU'VE DONE GOOD AND WE'LL LIVE UP TO OUR END BUT YOU WILL TAKE US TO HER FIRST...
WHOOSH!

WHERE...?
AHHHHH! OH MY GOD!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?! THIS ISN'T LEGAL!
HUSH. WE'VE ALREADY TAKEN WHAT WE NEEDED FROM YOU, DEAR
YOU'VE TAKEN MY BLOOD?! THAT'S WHAT I CAME HERE FOR, YOU IDIOTS!
THE WORST IS OVER WITH... FOR NOW, ANYWAY
YES, WE KNOW, ESPERANZA.
BUT WE HAD TO UM... REPLACE. YOUR SCHEDULED DOCTOR NO NEED TO WORRY, THOUGH. IT'LL ALL BE FOR THE BETTER

HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
CHRIST!
CRASHH
CRASHH
CRASHH
WHAT THE–
LOOK OUT!
IT'S NOT ME! I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING!
YOU LITTLE FREAK! STOP THIS AT ONCE!

FWOOOSHH
YAAA!
GULP!
OKAY! I'M IMPRESSED -- NOW STOP IT! I MEAN IT--
BLAM BLAMN BLAMM
STOP IT!
GRGLE! GRGLE!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

DOWN THE HALL.
WHERE THE HELL IS EVERYBODY? FIRST THE GIRLS, NOW JAFFE?
JAFFE'S BEEN GONE FORTY MINUTES ALREADY AND WHO KNOWS HOW LONG THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN MISSING.
WHEN I WAS THE TENTH, I USED TO BE ABLE TO SENSE WHEN ESPY WAS IN DANGER...
I'M NO LONGER THE TENTH, AND I KNOW I DON'T HAVE ANY TELEPATHIC LINK TO ESPY... BUT--
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL AS IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH HER--
AAARRRGGH!
HUH? ESPY??
THIS IS REALLY STARTING TO CREEP ME OUT.

NO...
SQUISH
VICTOR! SOMEBODY!
HELP!
ESPY! I'M HERE! JUST HOLD ON!
THUMPP
WHOOOOSHH
SMASH
ESPY?!
ESPY, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

JAPAN. ISLAND OF LOST SOULS.
WE'RE HERE, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN
WE'RE NOT ALONE, RYOKU
YOU NOTICED?
BOOM

WELCOME. I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU.
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To: [undisclosed recipients]
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Subject:

Todays events proved quite noteworthy. It seems that for every questioned answered, another more puzzling one takes its place. My ex-colleagues are intent on the preservation of their little secret. That of alien invader, Rhazes Darkk, and their aiding in his attempt at World domination by his alien species. Theyre on to me. They know by now that I have drifted from their scheme and of my intentions to reveal to the public the risks the world now faces because of them. They have their hands on Zorina. It seems that they know of the little secret IVE been hiding. We must find a way to overcome these madmen and get out of here with our lives in tact. We certainly wont be able to expose what has been happening if were all dead. I think they know that too.
Esperanza has once again been placed in a mysterious set of circumstances... this time involving the deaths of at least eight CIA officers. Ive known deep in my heart the truth about her. I know that she can never be normal. And that her mere existence puts us all in jeopardy. For now, I must only concentrate at the mission at hand: Escape.

Sam Jaffe

LOS ALAMOS
"I--I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING MORE...
" WHATEVER RAVAGED THESE MEN SPARED MY LIFE . BUT WHY? "
YOU BLACKED OUT, ESPY. WHOEVER OR WHATEVER DID THIS MUST'VE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD
I DON'T THINK IT'S THAT SIMPLE, VICTOR
THEY HAVE ZORNA . THEY'VE TAKEN HER SOMEPLACE
THOSE MEN BROUGHT ME TO THIS ROOM. .
THEY DID SOMETHING TO ME ..
THEY TOOK BLOOD SAMPLES FROM ME. THE NEXT THING I KNEW .
OH, VICTOR!!
I'M AFRAID!
HUSH, ESPY. WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT...

" WE JUST NEED TO FIND JAFFE AND ZORINA AND GET THE HELL OUT OF THIS DEATHTRAP. "
JUST STAY BEHIND ME AND TRY NOT TO MAKE ANY NOISES
WAIT UP . THIS HALL IS WHERE ZORINA AND I WERE AMBUSHED
NO TIME FOR THAT NOW LET'S GO
BUT VICTOR . THIS IS THE OFFICE
THIS IS WHERE I FOUND
MOTHER
THEY GOT TO YOU TOO HOW LONG HAVE THESE GUYS BEEN SCREWING WITH US?

MMPHHH!
SHHH! SOMEONE S COMING
JAFFE
WHERE ARE THEY TAKING HIM?
SAM. WE'VE BEEN WATCH NG YOU FOR A WHILE NOW. IT SEEMS THAT YOU'VE BEEN ACTING IN YOUR OWN BEST INTEREST COOPERATE. OR YOU'LL BE CHARGED WITH TREASON AGAINST THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND BY COOPERATE YOU MEAN. ?
ALLOW US TO EXAMINE YOUR LAPTOP COMPUTER, SAM. I PROMISE YOU ONCE WE FIND WHAT WE'RE LOOK NG FOR WE'LL LET YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS GO. EVERYTHING WILL BE FORGOTTEN
CLANK
WE NEVER KNEW YOU WOULD BEFRIEND THE STUDY-SUBJECTS, SAM.
SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM DEAD OPEN THE CASE.

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?
SOMETHING ABOUT "BEFRENDING STUDY-SUBJECTS"
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, BINDER. I HAVE BEEN WEAK. I BECAME FRIENDS WITH THE PEOPLE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO WATCH.
I HAVE SERIOUSLY PUT IN JEOPARDY THE NEW WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.
I WILL GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WANT.
WHUMP!
HERE!
SHI--
SAM, YOU DISAPPOINT ME
YAAAA!!!
SLAMMM!!
WHERE ARE THEY--?
WHERE'S ZORINA... MY DAUGHTER?

SAM ESPY AND I ARE RIGHT BEHIND YOU
THAT'S TWO DOWN WHERE IS SHE BEFORE I BLOW YOUR ROTTEN SKULL OFF
S-SAM ? ZORNA'S YOUR DAUGHTER??
YES, ESPY I'M HER LONG LOST FATHER
JAPAN
FWOOOSH!!

HEY! OVER HERE YOU SKINNY COCKLESS WONDERS!
LET US HAVE OUR FUN!
VR-EEEERR!
WOO-HOO!
THIS CAN'T BE... THEY MUST HAVE HELP BY DARKK FORCES.
I'VE BEEN FOOLED.
LET'S NOT FORGET WE'RE HERE ON BUSINESS, GIRLS.
RAAA!
LET'S GET THAT WHITE-FACED BITCH BEFORE SHE ESCAPES!

I SEE THAT I CANNOT RELY ON MY UNDER-ACHIEVING MINIONS
THE ENERGY DRAIN WILL BE HARD FOR ME TO RECOVER FROM, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE...
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS??
AIII!! IT HURTS!
RUMMMBLE
SHH-CRACKKKK
NO-NO-- IT CANNOT BE!

SHHEE-
CRAAACKKK!
" BETTER RUN FAST . WE'RE GONNA GETCHA! "
NOW YOU'RE IN SOME DEEP SHIT!
HEY DOES ANYONE KNOW WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING ANYWAY?
NOT A CLUE.
BUT ISN'T IT TERRIFIC ANYWAY?!

RAARRRRRR!
WELCOME TO THE LIVING, MASTER.
HAHAHAHAHA!
SHOOOOOSH!!!
UH-- WHICH ONE OF US DID THAT?
THANK YOU, BLACKSPELL, MY LOYAL SERVANT
I AM FREE AT LAST NOW WHERE'S MY MISCHIEVOUS CHILD?

AWWWW! BUT I'M STILL LOOKIN' FOR SOME ACTION.
WELL, GIRLS.. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, I'D SAY
WE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAT BACK HOME, JIHI
REMEMBER.. BLACKSPELL AGREED TO LET US KEEP OUR POWERS AFTER THIS MISSION ENDS
CAWW!
CAWW!
CAWW!
LOOK! THERE SHE GOES!
I MUST REACH GOZZA BEFORE THEY DO! DARK MASTER 'S GUARDING HIM--HE'LL BE ABLE TO HELP ME!
CAWW!
CAWW!
CAWW!
CAWW!

YOU LOOKING FOR ME?

YOU!?? YOU'RE NOT DARK MASTER!

I ATE HIM.

VERY APPETIZING... BUT NOW I'M LOOKING FOR THE *MAIN COURSE!*

I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DIED, SAM... I DON'T KNOW WHERE ZOR NA IS.

I THINK I'M HAVING A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN

I M NOT SURE WHAT'S **REAL** ANYMORE!

EASY NOW ESPY

SAM-- T'S TIME YOU START GIVING JS SOME **REAL** ANSWERS WE KNOW YOU WERE WORKING FOR THESE **CREEPS.**

WE RE GLAD YOU DECIDED TO DO THE R GHT THING BY HELPING LS. BUT THERE'S STILL A LOT OF SHADE OVER YOU, PAL

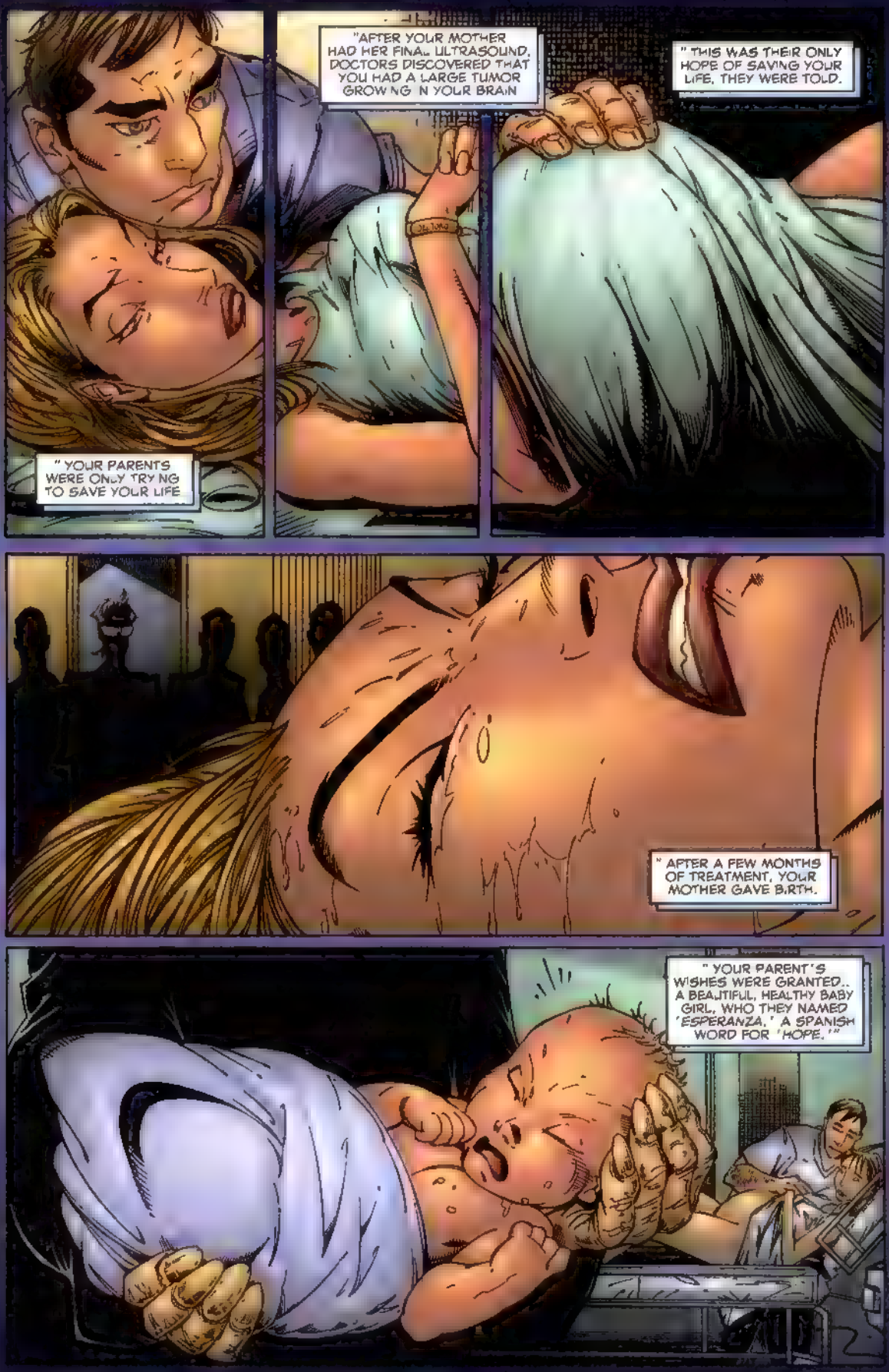
I DON'T TRUST YOU, SAM. YOU **KNEW** ABOUT MY MOTHER **DIDN'T YOU?**

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME SHE WAS MIXED UP IN ALL OF THIS

WAS IT BECAUSE OF **ME?**

NO ESPY... IT WASN'T

ESPY HAS A RIGHT TO KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING SOMETHING FROM HER
YOU'VE GOT SOME HEAVY EXPLAINING, JAFFE. TO ME... AND ZORINA. AND THIS TIME. .
SPARE US THE B.S.
YOU'RE RIGHT
I'M AFRAID THAT WHAT YOU'VE SEEN AND LEARNED SO FAR ABOUT RHAZES DARKK HAS BEEN ONLY THE SMALL TIP OF A COLOSSAL ICEBERG
I HAVE KEPT MY IDENTITY FROM ZORINA TO PROTECT HER...AND MY MISSION
I FEARED THAT SHE WOULD BLAME ME FOR HER MOTHER'S DEATH. I JUST COULDN'T RISK MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HER... OR YOU AND VICTOR. I NEEDED YOU GUYS
IT IS TIME THOUGH... FOR HER TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT ME
AS FOR YOU, ESPY IT IS TIME I REVEALED YOUR TRUE PAST TO YOU
" NINETEEN YEARS AGO, RHAZES DARKK WAS ALLOWED BY OUR OWN GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT HIS "CANCER" RESEARCH TESTS ON LIVING PATIENTS
" YOUR MOTHER, WAS ONE OF DARKK'S FIRST TEST SUBJECTS.
" SHE WAS PREGNANT AT THE TIME WITH YOU, ESPY "


"YOUR PARENTS WERE ONLY TRYING TO SAVE YOUR LIFE.
"AFTER YOUR MOTHER HAD HER FINAL ULTRASOUND, DOCTORS DISCOVERED THAT YOU HAD A LARGE TUMOR GROWING IN YOUR BRAIN.
"THIS WAS THEIR ONLY HOPE OF SAVING YOUR LIFE, THEY WERE TOLD.
"AFTER A FEW MONTHS OF TREATMENT, YOUR MOTHER GAVE BIRTH.
"YOUR PARENT'S WISHES WERE GRANTED.. A BEAUTIFUL, HEALTHY BABY GIRL, WHO THEY NAMED 'ESPERANZA,' A SPANISH WORD FOR 'HOPE.'"

" BUT ALL WAS NOT AS IT APPEARED TO BE IN YOUR PARENTS ELATION THEY FAILED TO NOTICE RHAZES DARKK AND HIS TEAM OF 'EXPERT SCIENTISTS ' WHO ALSO TOOK GREAT INTEREST AT THE SUCCESS OF YOUR HEALTH
" THE GOVERNMENT WERE ALSO PLEASED THAT THE R GAMBLE PA D OFF ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC WAS NEVER MADE AWARE OF H S CONQUESTS IN CANCER THEY KNEW THEY HAD ON THEIR SIDE A MAN WHO WOULD CHANGE THE FACE OF THE WOR D
" BUT EVEN WE WERE FOOLED BY DARKK HIS SECRET AGENDA WOULD NOT BECOME KNOWN UNTIL THE RECENT EVENTS AT SPR NGDALE "
" FOR DARKK HIS SUCCESS WAS TWO-FOLD HE RECEIVED THE TRUST, MONEY AND SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED TESTS AND ULTIMATELY SPR NGDALE
•See The Abuse Of Humanity Miniseries-TD.
" AND MOST MPORTANTLY TO HIM, HE CREATED THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL HYBRID SPEC ES "
NO!! NO!!
NOOOOOOOO!!

I'M GOING TO KILL YOU!
GAAAA!
I KNOW IT HURTS, ESPY! I'M SORRY FOR YOU!
WE ARE NOTHING BUT PAWNS TO YOU IN A GAME OF CHESS!
HOW LONG WERE YOU GOING TO KEEP THIS FROM ME!?
I'M OUT OF HERE.
PLEASE WAIT...!
I'M ONE OF THEM.

"AT LAST, AT LAST WE ARE ALL IN UNITY MY CHILDREN HAVE GROWN WISE FROM THEIR MISTAKES ALL SAVE FOR ONE, THAT IS

"BUT THIS TOO SHALL SOON CHANGE"

SO, CHILD WHAT WILL IT BE WILL YOU GIVE UP GOZZA AND JOIN US? OR WILL YOU BE NAUGHTY AND A BRAT?

I AM DETERMINED, RHAZES, THAT I DO WHAT I FEEL IS RIGHT GOZZA IS THE *TRUE* HEIR TO THE THRONE. NO ONE BUT HE CAN LEAD US TO TRIUMPH.

BUT HOW CAN HE BE HEIR TO A THRONE THAT IS STILL OCCUPIED MY DARLING? CAN'T YOU SEE THAT IT IS *YOU*, WHO STANDS IN THE WAY OF OUR PEOPLE'S SALVATION?

YOU'VE TRIED TO LEAD ONCE ALREADY, DARKK. WE ARE NO SOONER TO SALVATION THAN WHEN YOU CAME HERE

SO IT'S SAFE TO SAY YOU ARE FIRM IN YOUR STANCE TO SUPPORT A NEW LEADER

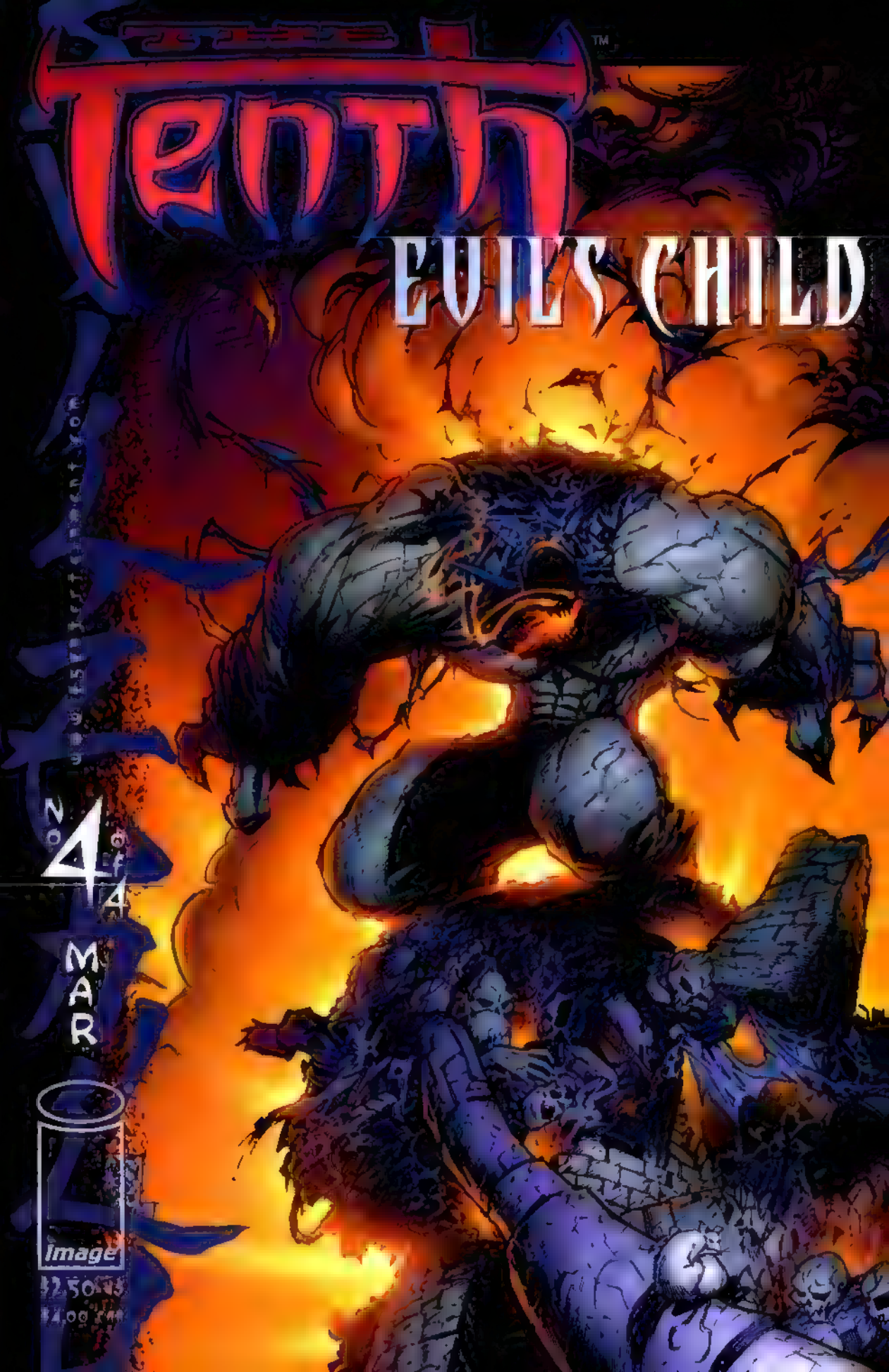
I WILL ONLY SERVE AND OBEY *GOZZA*. I WILL BE REPAID FOR MY LOYALTY ONE DAY

WELL THEN, WHY NOT LET ME HANDLE HIS DEBT FOR YOU?

KKZZAAATT!

ARRGHH!

"KIDS THESE DAYS .. THEY THINK THEY CAN RULE THE WORLD"
NEXT MONTH:
THE TENTH
EVIL'S CHILD #4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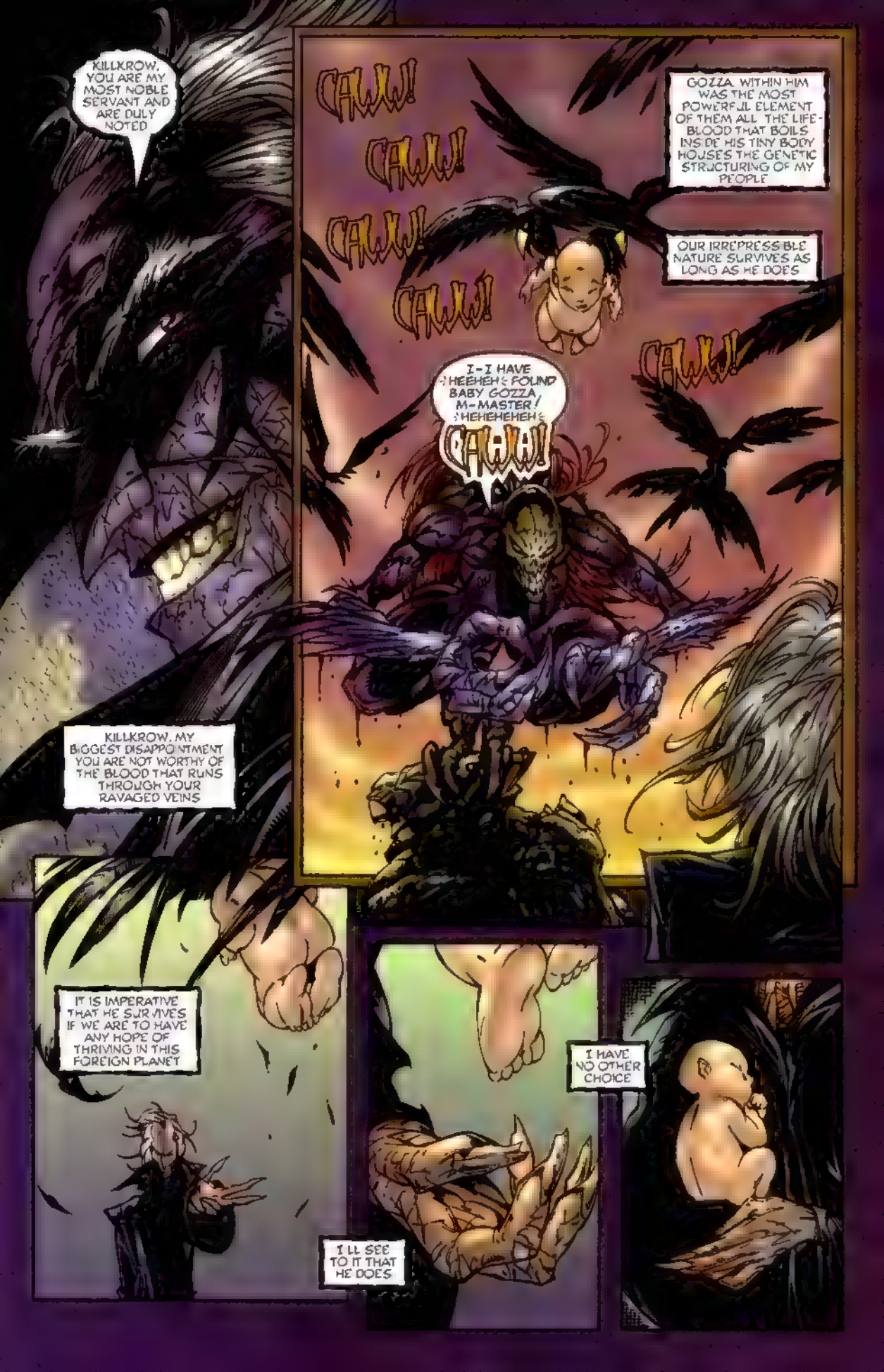
YOU KNOW YOU WANT ME.

I'M SUCH A NAUGHTY GIRL. THIS WHOLE "CAPTOR-PRISONER" THNGEE WE GOT GOIN' HERE, REALLY GETS ME HOT.
IT HAPPENS TO EVERY MAN.
WHAT HAPPENS TO EVERY MAN?
FWAPP!
ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION.
MUCH OBLIGED MA'AM BUT THE ANSWER IS NEGATIVE.
AWWWW I UNDERSTAND
PROVE ME WRONG, BIG DADDY!
LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK. I'VE GOT TO REPORT MY ROUNDS
I'M SURE YOUR USED TO QUICK BUT I LIKE IT SLOW.
YOU WANT ACTION? I'LL GIVE YOU ACTION, BABY
MMMM.. YEAH--TAKE IT ALL OFF
REALLY.
REALLY... SLOOOOOOW
LICK!

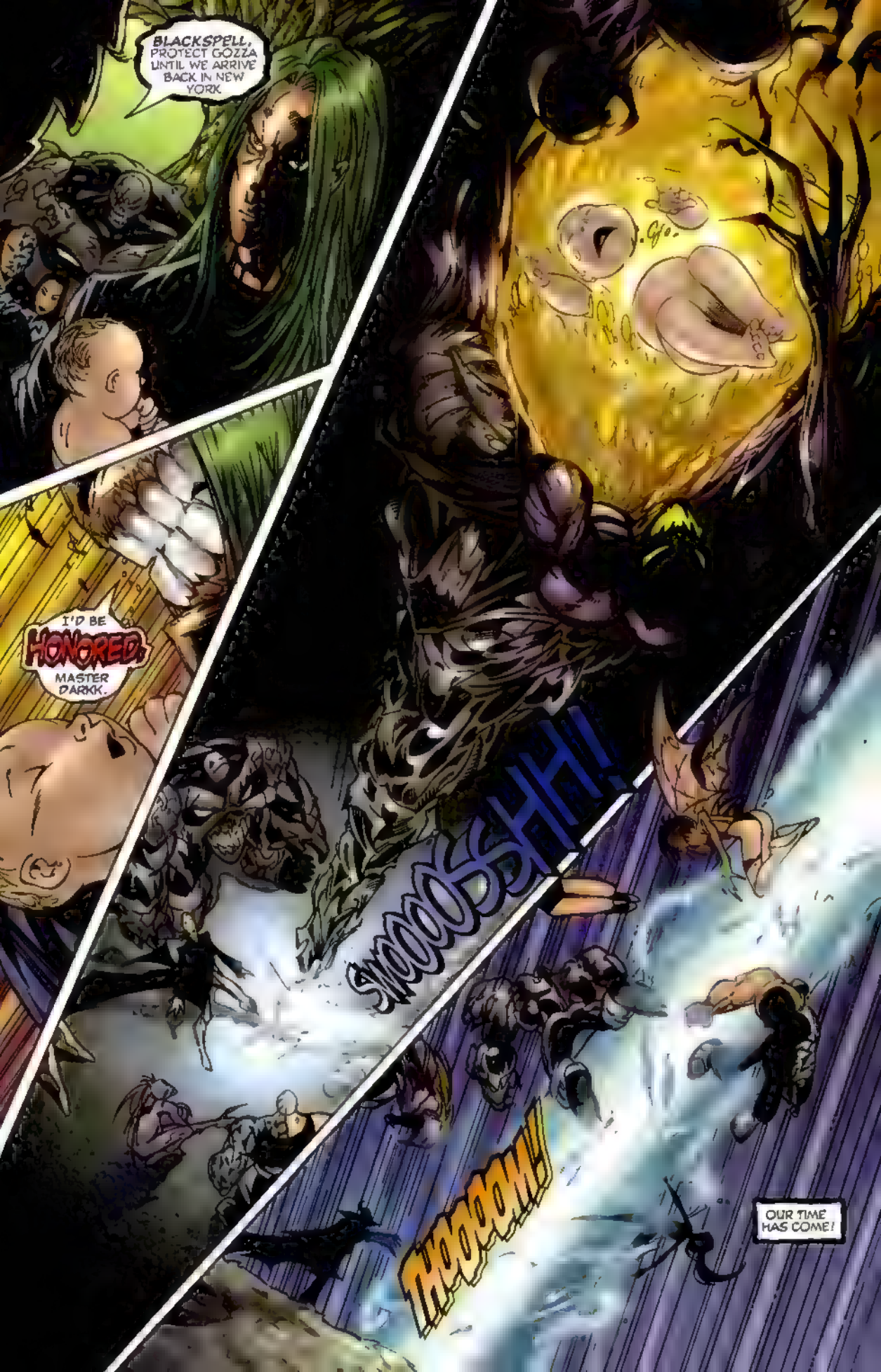
GAAAAA...!
NEVER TRUST A GIRL WHO LIKES IT SLOW!
GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
KA-BLAMM!
KA-BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
SKREAK
HUH? SOMEONE'S COMING.
ONLY TWO BULLETS LEFT.
KA-
BLAMMM!
UHNNGGN!
BASTARD.

BLAMMM!!
"VICTOR?!!"
NOOO!
ZORINA, NO!
VICTOR?
NO...!

JAPAN
A PRIMITIVE RACE THEY ARE. LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT I WOULD HAVE SUCH MEAGER MEANS TO HARVEST FROM.
WEAK SOIL, THESE HUMANS
THE TEN ELEMENTS OF MY PLANET DESERVE SO MUCH MORE
BUT IT'S LIKE SQUEEZING WATER FROM A DRY RAG!
M-MASTER! MASTER! I HAVE COME BEARING GIFTS! HEEH HEH HEEAH
TRYING TO INFUSE OUR DNA INTO THESE SIMPLE CREATURES HAVE ONLY BROUGHT ME HIDEOUS BEASTS!
BUT AT LAST I BELIEVE I HAVE FOUND OUR SALVATION


KILLKROW, YOU ARE MY MOST NOBLE SERVANT AND ARE DULY NOTED
CAWW!
CAWW!
CAWW!
CAWW!
GOZZA WITHIN HIM WAS THE MOST POWERFUL ELEMENT OF THEM ALL THE LIFE-BLOOD THAT BOILS INSIDE HIS TINY BODY HOUSES THE GENETIC STRUCTURING OF MY PEOPLE
OUR IRREPRESSIBLE NATURE SURVIVES AS LONG AS HE DOES
I-I HAVE ♪HEEHEH♪ FOUND BABY GOZZA M-MASTER! ♪HEHEHEHEH♪
CAWW!
CAWW!
KILLKROW, MY BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT YOU ARE NOT WORTHY OF THE BLOOD THAT RUNS THROUGH YOUR RAVAGED VEINS
IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT HE SURVIVES IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF THRIVING IN THIS FOREIGN PLANET
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE DOES
I HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE

THINGS HAVE QUICKLY FALLEN INTO MY FAVOR AS OF LATE
GOZZA RECENTLY ACQUIRED FROM VICTOR DELEON THE TENTH ELEMENT OR THE POWER OF REBIRTH.
NEEDLESS TO SAY THE MOST CRITICAL ELEMENT OF ALL WITHOUT THE TENTH THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR US
BUT I NEED NOT WORRY ANY LONGER FOR I HAVE WHAT I NEED AT LONG LAST
MY FIRST SUCCESSFUL HYBRID
THE MEDDLESOME CIA SPECIAL OPS AGENT
AND HER ALL TOO-NOSY BEST FRIEND CANNOT INTERFERE ANY LONGER


BLACKSPELL, PROTECT GOZZA UNTIL WE ARRIVE BACK IN NEW YORK
I'D BE HONORED, MASTER DARKK.
SWOOOSHH!
HOOOOM!
OUR TIME HAS COME!

OH VICTOR HOW COULD I LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU?
THEY ALL KNEW ABOUT YOU. RHAZES THE GOVERNMENT. YOU WERE NOTH NG MORE THAN A GUINEA P G TO THEM
A TEST SUBJECT GONE WRONG
I GUESS WE BOTH HAVE THAT N COMMON, HUH VIC?
YOU FOUGHT YOUR WAY BACK TO HUMANITY I'M PROUD OF YOU FOR THAT
ESPY--? I-I'M ..
I KNOW ZORNA ME. TOO.
ME. TOO
DINGDINGDINGDING!
SCRREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

UM, GIRLS? I THINK WE HAVE A REUNION OF SORTS
THIS SHOULD BE A BRIEF MEETING AT BEST.
ZZZZZZZ!
BLAM! BLAM! BLAMM!
POK!
POK!
POK!
POK!
POK!
POK!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
"SAM!!"
BASHH!
BASH!
TINK!
PTING!
PTING!
PTING!
PTING!
PTING!
PTING!
YOU'RE HIT! YOU'RE SHOT IN THE HEAD!
DON'T LET THEM GET YOU.
SAM? NO! DON'T YOU GO DYIN' TOO!
WHAT? AND LEAVE MY ONLY DAUGHTER BEHIND? NO WAY!
HUH?! DAUGHTER???

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
DIDN'T KNOW I COULD...

IT'S TIME FOR OUR DEPARTURE
AS WE LEAVE THIS PLACE BEHIND US, WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE FRUITS OF MY LABOR
AND THERE IS NOTHING THAT WILL STAND IN MY WAY NOW!
HAHAHAH

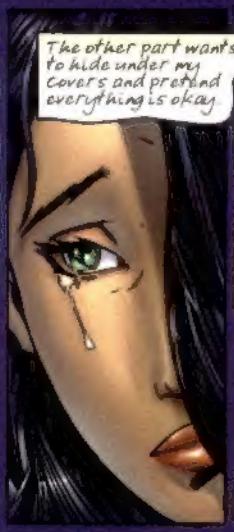
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S ENDING LIKE THIS
HAVE I ACHIEVED NOTHING?!
I'VE LED MY FRIENDS AND DAUGHTER INTO A DEATHTRAP
YOU HEAR THAT, VICTOR? I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLING YOU.
AND BEFORE TONIGHT ENDS, ZORINA AND ESPY WILL BE DEAD, TOO
SHIT
JUST OUTSIDE...
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S NOT A MORE CIVILIZED WAY TO DO THIS, HANK?
YOU KNOW WHAT THE ORDERS ARE
WHEN WE'RE DONE THEY WANT THEIR BODIES SWEPT UP WITH A BROOM AND DUSTPAN.
"I CAN THINK OF LOTS OF OTHER BETTER THINGS TO DO WITH THESE LOVELY YOUNG LADIES, CAN'T YOU, HANK?"
JUST SEEMS A WASTE AND ALL, IS ALL I'M SAYIN'

RAAARRAHGHAHGH!
HANK?!
JEZUS!

VICTOR?!! YOU'RE ALIVE?!
VICTOR-- NO! DON'T!
YAAAAA!
CRUNCH!
VICTOR?! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!
SLRPP!
CRUNCH! CRUNCH!
SLRPP!

VICTOR IS DEAD
THE TENTH HOWEVER, IS ALIVE
WHATEVER ALIEN DNA EXISTED IN HIS BODY HAS AN UNCANNY DESIRE TO LIVE AT ALL COSTS
RHAZES DARKK'S SPECIES IS TOO RESILIENT TO BE STOPPED
I SHOULD KNOW
I'M ONE OF THEM
WE STOPPED OFF IN SPRINGDALE TO DROP OFF THE TENTH. HE WOULD HAVE TO FEND FOR HIMSELF FOR THE TIME BEING.
VICTOR I KNOW YOUR NOT THERE ANYMORE BUT IF THERE IS A PART OF YOU LEFT INSIDE THIS MONSTER..

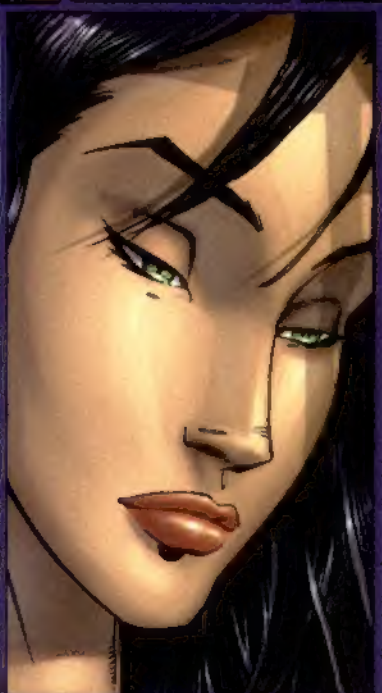
I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.
I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU.
NO. WAIT!
JUST GO NOW. HIDE.



I have decided not to sit around and wait for things to happen to me. Finally, I will control my own destiny.
Zorina, I'm happy to see that you and Sam are making up for lost time. I think your mother would've wanted you two to meet.

wanted you two to meet.

Finding out that I had Darkk's DNA running through my bloodstream sickens me. I feel even more isolated and different than ever before. but at least now I know that it's not my fault.



know that it's not my fault.

Today is a happy day, Zorina, so don't be sad. You have been a dear friend to me and I'm blessed to have had you in my life. I will always remember the good times we shared.

remember the good times we shared.
Remember me, too, Z. But remember for who I was, not what I am. I know you will anyway.
Life is about to get a whole lot more interesting.
Love Always,
Espy.
THE END??